

# Comment on Proposed Fairview Health Services - Acadia Healthcare Mental Health Hospital

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Name:

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Where do you live:

Minnesota

Do you represent an organization?

No

What organization do you represent?

N/A

What is your comment on the proposed mental health hospital?

I'm very concerned about the proposal of a stand alone 144 bed Psych/Geriatric/Addictions hospital being proposed by Fairview in St. Paul. My adult son (age 26) has a serious persistent mental illness & is on Medicaid. Will he be turned away when in need due to his poor insurance coverage? Or the possibility that it may/usually takes 6+ weeks to stabilize & find a antipsychotic that works well for him to function? Will any beds be available for psych patients when addiction recovery patients' insurance pays the hospital better? Could you tell us what kind of "geriatric" patients will be accepted at the proposed hospital? Will they stay there as in a long term care facility? Can you please describe Dr. Woods statement "fully-integrated" & "will have access" regarding patients physical medical problems as well as the psych issues that bring them to the hospital? Sending patients by ambulance for scans at another hospital doesn't seem very efficient~ I'm concerned that as a for profit hospital, you will be able to pick & choose which patients will be admitted driven by their insurance policy. In my support groups, about half of our families have loved ones living with a serious persistent mental illness as well as a chemical dependency; dual diagnosis. In my opinion, we are in desperate need of inpatient psych beds (adult & child) as well as facilities like IRTS & group homes. I'm very skeptical of this hospital proposal. Thank you for taking the time to ask us & read our comments.